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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1-17 (*Canceled*)

Claim 18. (*New*) A prayer cushion and aid, comprising:

a pillow having an outer casing and an inner filling;

said inner filling being a soft resilient material;

said outer casing having a predetermined shape for providing an aesthetically appealing appearance;

wherein said inner filling maintaining the shape of the outer casing;

an ornamental design attached to the outer casing of said pillow;

a plurality of pockets disposed in said outer casing, each one of said plurality of pockets defining an opening;

wherein at least one of said plurality of pockets is defined between said ornamental design and the outer cover;

whereby said ornamental design is aesthetically appealing, and fosters a feeling of comfort; and

a plurality of prayer cards;

wherein at least one prayer card disposed in at least one of said plurality of pockets.

Claim 19 (*New*) The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 18, wherein said at least one pocket further comprises at least two pockets;

wherein said two pockets overlap between said outer casing and said inner filling.

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**Claim 20. (New)** The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 18, further comprising:

a flap disposed above at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets;  
said flap being movable between a closed position and an open position; and  
means for securing said flap in the closed position;  
wherein when in said closed position, said flap covers the opening of said at least one pocket; and when in said open position, said flap exposes the opening of said at least one pocket;  
whereby access to the pocket is provided and prevented by said flap.

**Claim 21. (New)** The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 20, further comprising:

a button attached to said outer casing, adjacent to the opening of said at least one pocket, and said flap including a buttonhole defined therein;  
wherein said button matingly engages the buttonhole for securing said flap in said closed position.

**Claim 22. (New)** The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 18, wherein said ornamental design includes a cross, said cross is attached to said outer casing,

whereby at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets is defined between the cross and the outer casing.

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Claim 23. (*New*) The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 18, said pillow further includes at least one side edge;

wherein said ornamental design of said outer casing is a simulated shirt; said simulated shirt includes at least a collar, at least one seam extending between said collar and said at least one side edge, and at least one breast pocket;

said collar having an inner lining and defining a neck opening, said inner lining of said neck opening defining at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets;

said at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets is disposed along said at least one seam, and

said at least one breast pocket defining at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets.

Claim 24. (*New*) The prayer cushion and aid according to claim 18, wherein said ornamental design simulates a bear paw; said bear paw having patches attached to said outer casing, and configured to resemble a plurality of toe pads and a sole pad;

wherein each of said plurality of toe pads and said sole pad defines at least one pocket of said plurality of pockets;

whereby each of said plurality of toe pad pockets and said sole pad pocket stores said at least one prayer card therein.